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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University's forensics team earned third place in its division, and received 12 awards, at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational tournament at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. The competition was held March 18-20.

Gabe Cyrus, junior social work major from Newbury, Ohio, and Remy Patterson, junior theatre performance major from St. Johns, Michigan, won second place in the duo interpretation event. Cyrus also won third place in prose and third place in dramatic interpretation.

Susanna Edwards, a sophomore middle childhood education major from Delta, Pennsylvania, won sixth place in the prose event. Megan Orr, a sophomore psychology major from Crystal Lake, Illinois, won fourth place in after-dinner speaking and sixth place in faith literature.

Jamie Burns, a junior finance major from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, earned sixth place in impromptu speaking and fifth place in extemporaneous speaking. David Long, senior applied communication major from Highlands, North Carolina, was a semifinalist in impromptu speaking. Laura Mihelc, a freshman mathematics major from Zionsville, Indiana, won sixth place in the novice impromptu speaking competition.

Overall, Mihelc won 10th-place novice speaker and Cyrus won fourth place speaker in the speech category, and seventh place in the speech and debate category.

"I firmly believe God blessed the team with competitive success at the national tournament because he was pleased with the team's faithful stewardship of the gifts he has given us," said team captain Rebecca Adams, a senior business management major from Wadsworth, Ohio.

"But by far the greatest success we had, and one that is a reflection of the hearts of the members on the team, was praying and encouraging one another and praying for past team members who were experiencing trials at that time. I'm so grateful I've been part of the speech family during my time at Cedarville."

"I am very proud of my team because they put their effort into being the best they could be and honored God with their skills and abilities," said Derrick Green, assistant professor of communications and forensics team coach. "Regardless of the final standings, they are winners in my book."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.